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Phom language

Phom is a Sino-Tibetan language spoken by the Phom people of Nagaland, northeastern India. Phom is spoken in 36 villages of Longleng District, northeastern Nagaland (*Ethnologue*).

Ethnologue lists **Yongnyah Village** as the largest Village in Longleng district of Nagaland.

Phom	
Native to	Nagaland, India
Native speakers	54,416 (2011 census)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ Brahmaputran ▪ Konyak ▪ Konyak–Chang ▪ **Phom**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nph
Glottolog	phom1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/phom1236)[2]

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Names

Alternate names for Phom include Assiringia, Chingmengu, Phom, Phon, Tamlu, and Tamlu Naga (*Ethnologue*).

Phonology

All phonological charts are from Burling (1998).

Consonants

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stop	aspirated	pʰ	tʰ				
	voiced	b	d				
Affricate				t͡ʃ			
Fricative	voiceless			ʃ			h
	voiced			ʒ			
Nasal		m	n		ɲ	ŋ	
Approximant					j		

Vocabulary

A large part of the vocabulary of Phom is inherited from proto-Sino-Tibetan.

Meaning	Old Chinese	Written Tibetan	Written Burmese	Phom
"I"	吾 *ŋa	*nga*	*ŋa*	ngei
"you"	汝 *ŋjaʔ	–	*naŋ*	nüng
"not"	無 *mja	*ma*	*ma'*	
"two"	二 *ŋjijs	*gnyis*	*hnac* < *hnit*	nyi
"three"	三 *sum	*gsum*	*sûm*	jem
"five"	五 *ŋaʔ	*lnga*	*ŋâ*	nga
"six"	六 *C-rjuk	*drug*	*khrok* < *khruk*	vok
"sun", "day"	日 *ŋjit	*nyi-ma*	*ne* < *niy*	nyih
"name"	名 *mjeŋ	*ming*	*ə-mañ* < *ə-miŋ	men
"eye"	目 *mjuk	*mig*	*myak*	mük
"fish"	魚 *ŋja	*nya*	*ŋâ*	nyah
"dog"	犬 *kʷʰenʔ	*khyi*	*khwe* < *khuy*	shi

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External links

- Phom Phonology (http://sealang.net/sala/archives/pdf4/burling1998phom.pdf)
- Linguistic Ecology of Phom Language (http://google.com/scholar?q=cache:8JsEr_T6tmAJ:scholar.google.com/+konyak+phonology&hl=en&as_sdt=0,5)

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